

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Miles, 1415 Annapolis Ave., Torrance, announce the birth of a son, Thomas Whitney, on March 4, at 9:45 p.m. Torrance Memorial hospital, weighed 9 pounds and 1/2 ounce.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Vern Christensen, 329 Camino Del Campo, announce the birth of a son, Douglas C., born on March 2, at Torrance Memorial hospital, weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces.

Bad Check Warnings

Check warnings were issued this week against forged checks signed by Roy Hartman and made out to L. S. Higgins. The checks are drawn on the Golden State Bank and carry the imprint of the Paramount Truck Body Works, 14104 South Garfield, Paramount, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

The suspect is 40 years old, 5 feet 10 inches, 190 pounds, black hair, mustache, and wears glasses. He frequently buys sporting equipment which he resells at pawn shops.

Two more bad checks were cashed by Billy L. Richmond, 314 Flat street, Torrance. Both checks were drawn on the Citizens National Bank in Wilmington. A \$25 check was cashed at Food King's Market and another one at H. B. Huffine's gas station for \$20. Both checks were made out to "cash," according to Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett.

Columbia Modernizes Production

Steel sheet manufacturing facilities that have far outlived their economic usefulness will be retired from service at the plant, Roach said.

Production in the obsolete sheet mill at the Torrance works of U. S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva Steel Division will be suspended at the end of April and steel output in the open hearth shop will be scheduled on reduced operations. About 400 employees will be affected, and every effort will be made to place as many of them as possible in other operations, according to Alden G. Roach, president of the division.

Closing of the sheet mill climaxes a program started early in 1953 for the gradual retirement from service of the time-worn sheet production lines at Torrance Works. The facilities have been maintained in operation far beyond their useful life in order to help provide steel products during World War II and more recently for the national defense effort during the fighting in Korea.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

CHURCH VARIANCE: Petition for a variance to erect a church and Sunday school buildings on 171st street between Yukon and Prairie was unanimously denied by the City Council this week.

GAS STATION: Petition for a variance to erect a gas station at Prairie and 174th street was unanimously denied by the City Council this week.

APPOINTMENT: Steve Schmidt, co-owner of Star Furniture, was appointed to the Civil Service Commission following the resignation of Fred Cook.

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Al Isen Rally Set For Sunday

The first in a series of campaign rallies by the "Voters' Committee for Isen" will be held at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border ave., Torrance, on Sunday, March 14, at 2 p.m. James Whitmer, co-chairman, announced this week.

J. E. Minter, Jr., representing the Walteria and Pacific Hills sub-committee, will make the keynote address, citing the qualifications of Isen, a practicing attorney in Torrance for the past 21 years, for the office of councilman.

An open question and answer period for the public will follow Isen's talk to the audience. The people of Torrance will have an opportunity to see and hear the other candidates for the City Council and office of Treasurer at public forums to be presented at the Civic Auditorium by the Retail Division of the Chamber of Commerce, and at the Moose Hall, presented by Torrance lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Gowin, 18305 Regina Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Debra Charlene, born March 7, at Torrance Memorial hospital, weighed 5 pounds and 12 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Nance, 22834 Crosshill Ave., Torrance, announce the birth of a daughter, Cynthia Renee, born on March 5, at Torrance Memorial hospital, weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Roberts, 928 Maple Ave., Torrance, announce the birth of a son, James Kenneth, born on March 5, at Torrance Memorial hospital, weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces.

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